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## Director's Desk

According to the 2011 census, Bidar district has a population of 1,700,018. This gives it a ranking of 289th in India (out of a total of 640). The district has a population density of 312 inhabitants per square kilometre (810 /sq mi). Its population growth rate over the decade 2001-2011 was 13.16%. Bidar has a sex ratio of 952 females for every 1000 males, and a literacy rate of 71.01%. In 2006 the Ministry of Panchayati Raj named Bidar one of the country's 250 most backward districts. It is one of the five districts in Karnataka currently receiving funds from the Backward Regions Grant Fund Programme (BRGF). According to a research study con-



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ducted by the ILO (International Labour Organization), in 2007, the projected number of child labourers in Bidar district was 68,784 (Child Labour in Bidar and Chamarajanagar Districts- A Status Report & Ways Forward, 2007).

In the district of Bidar, Don Bosco began its interventions in empowering the community in 2004. Since then it has undertaken many

In this issue of A SLICE, we focus on Don Bosco Bidar.

Wishing you all a great year ahead,

**Fr. Joy Nedumparambil SDB**  
Executive Director



## Major Events in December

- Inauguration of Child Rights Promotion Project- CREAM
- Staff training-CREAM Project
- Culex 2012 at Vaduthala
- DB Tech Workshop at Bangalore
- DO HEADS meet at Mumbai
- DBAI SHG Training at Pavur and Manacauda
- New Batches of Skill Training- All DB Tech Centres

## Upcoming Events in January

- Bidar Project Visit By Don Bosco Mondo Germany
- TOT-DB Tech Kerala
- Meetings with KCPCR, Government of Karnataka
- Review Meeting SGSY, MoRD- Karnataka State
- Feast of Don Bosco



## NEWS



**Child Rights Awareness and Action Movement Launched in Gulbarga** - "Children, stand up and fight for your rights", said Pallavi Akurathi IAS (CEO, Zilla Panchayath, Gulbarga) speaking on the occasion of the launching of Child Rights Awareness and Action Movement (CREAM) at Govt. Higher Primary School, Belur... [More...](#)



**Training for SHG Leaders of Karimadom (TVM)** -Don Bosco Veedu Society (Trivandrum) conducted a Training Programme for leaders of the Self Help Groups (SHG) of Karimadom Colony on 9 December 2012. The programme supported by Don Bosco Action India (DBAI) and Bangalore Rural Educational and Development Society ... [More..](#)



**Staff Training under CREAM Project at BREADS Bangalore** -BREADS organized staff training for the project coordinators and Social Activists of CREAM project from 3rd to 5th December 2012 at Bangalore. About 29 staff from 9 project districts participated in this three days training programme... [More...](#)



**Child Right Education and Action Movement (CREAM) Project Launched** The project "CREAM" (Child Right Education and Action Movement) was officially launched on 3rd December 2012 at Don Bosco Provincial House Bangalore. The programme was inaugurated by Mrs. Sashikala Shetty, Director of Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), Government of Karnataka... [More...](#)



**The 8th Batch of DB Tech Sulthan Bathery inaugurated on Nov. 30, 2012**

The 8th Batch of DB Tech Sulthan Bathery was inaugurated along with the inauguration of the newly affiliated courses of Don Bosco College on 30th November 2012. There are 90 students undergoing skill Training in Automobile, Electrical and Retail Sales... [More...](#)

## Don Bosco Bidar—enabling education –empowering communities

Salesians of Don Bosco began their presence in Bidar in 2004 and initiated many development projects for the welfare of the poor especially the street children and child labourers. With increased presence in the region, targeted programmes began to be visualized for specific groups of people. With a multi faceted approach, the Don Bosco Bidar (DBB) project was established in 2011.

Non-formal and formal vocational training of the marginalized youth in the district became the focus of DBB to bring about a sustainable improvement of their socio economic situation. The child labour rehabilitation programme, interventions for children out of school in the neighbouring villages, the non-formal skill training centres, organization of women and old into groups and awareness campaigns for them etc are some of the initiatives that we have launched.



**Child Labour Rehabilitation:** The Child Labour Rehabilitation Centre opened at Bidar by Don Bosco in the year 2008 got a better reach with the years. Presently, 40 child labourers attend bridge courses in the centre. On passing the bridge course, the children are enrolled in formal schools. This project is supported by the State Child Labour Project (SCLP) under the Government of Karnataka.

**Education promotion:** The tuition centres we run in 21 villages organise regular evening classes for the poor children in the region. The centres cater to about 30 to 35 children in each class. This supplementary education programme aims at preventing the potential school dropouts in the region, in addition to promoting the interests of the children in education. About 718 children are being continued in this education promotion programme.

**Skill Training for the Youth:** Skill training programmes for the marginalized youth has been an integral part of Don Bosco's work in Bidar. The siblings of the child labourers are the group in focus here. Post the course, the placement of the students is also coordinated by DB Tech, ensuring that the youth start earning a decent living. Under BASE project DBB has already trained 425 youth in three skill domains. Currently, 90 youth are trained under the LIST project.



**Child Line:** DBB is the nodal agency for The CHILD LINE project in Bidar District. The programme was launched with the support of the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj and monitored by the department of Women and Child Development. Child Line provides 24 hours free telephone service and support service to the children who are at risk. Child-line staff, the government and NGOs reach them in the shortest possible time and attend to the emergency situation and extend the required protection and rehabilitation. the shortest possible time and attend to the emergency situation and extend the required protection and rehabilitation.

**Don Bosco Technical Institute (DBTI) Bidar** – A new project is on progress through which DBB aims at providing formal and non formal skill training for youth. The technical training centre's construction is almost over and classes on non formal training in Tailoring and computers have begun. About 50 children have enrolled. The DBTI will be fully functional from August 2013 onwards.

for them, besides addressing their common concerns.#

### Building skills & confidence- A Success Story

Hailing from Malkapur and born to a priest, Nagamma had to discontinue studies to support her family of parents and three siblings. Learning about the training programmes at DB Tech, she decided to benefit from it. Interestingly, she voluntarily spread the word about the programme and enrolled here along with 7 of her friends from the same village. After completion of the course, they were all placed at Priya Garments,



Hyderabad. 8 months later, desirous of coming back to her town, Nagamma took up a job with APMC in Bidar. The girl's family is very thankful to the DBB which transformed their lives smoothly and is looking forward to the programme benefitting more needy families like theirs'.

